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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 15, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY "TONY" MORAVEC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor a proud American, a great Hoosier, an outstanding man, and a very dear friend, Anthony "Tony" Moravec.

Tony left us far too soon, and it is an honor to have his family in the House gallery to join us here today.

Born October 3, 1950, Tony Moravec was the embodiment of the American

Dream. He worked hard, treated everyone with respect, and had a joyous appreciation of life.

Tony was chairman of Blairex Laboratories and the co-founder of Applied Laboratories. These two companies employed countless Hoosiers and brought vital economic development to Columbus, Indiana.

Tony's commitment to our community did not end there. In fact, he went far beyond what many business leaders accomplish.

In 1990, he and his company received the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the State of Indiana.

In 2009, he received the Company of the Year Award from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce for the restoration of Zaharakos, an ice cream store.

In 2011, Tony received the Indiana University Provost's Medal, and was honored with the President's Circle Laurel Pin and the Partners in Philanthropy Cornerstone Award.

In 2016, he received an award for the restoration of the Columbus Pump House.

Tony established scholarships at the Heritage Fund, Indiana University, and Ivy Tech Community College, always seeking to educate the next generation of Hoosiers.

Tony donated his collection of the works of Old Master drawings, including a series of scenes from the New Testament, to the IU Eskenazi Museum. It became the third largest repository of such drawings in the world, earning an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation endowment.

Tony once remarked that he was part of our hometown, Columbus, by choice, not by chance; something proven in all his actions.

Our relationship, our friendship, like so many others in our community, went far beyond business or politics. Tony meant so much to my wife, Denise, and I.

It is exceptionally hard to underscore what an immense loss Tony's passing is

to my family and our entire community.

So today, I want to impart some wisdom from Tony's parents and grandparents that he recently shared with our community at the Moravec Hall dedication.

"Bite off more than you can chew and chew like hell. Be bold in everything you do. It has a magic about it."

"Use it up. Wear it out. Make it do or do without. Do your job like you own the business. Maybe, someday you will."

"Get an education. They can take your house, they can take your car, but they can't take your education."

And finally, "Leave the place a better place than you found it," which Tony did. In fact, he left everywhere a better place than he found it.

May Tony Moravec forever rest in peace. God bless this wonderful man, and may God bless his family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law which was signed into law by President Joseph Biden on this historic day last year.

The bipartisan infrastructure law is undeniably the largest long-term investment in U.S. infrastructure in almost 100 years, in almost a century. As we all know, our great economy relies on an immense infrastructure of roads and bridges, freight rails and ports, electrical grids, access to high-speed internet, and on and on.

Yet, many of the current systems in place were built decades ago and needed to be enhanced to guarantee our Nation's optimal economic performance.

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